

Substitute Bill No. 6947

January Session, 2001

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISEMENT TO CRIME VICTIMS OF THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) In order to ensure that any victim coming before the court 2 has been advised of the victim's constitutional rights, any judge of the 3 Superior Court shall, at the daily commencement of the regular criminal docket at which accused persons are arraigned, issue the 4 following advisement: "If you are a victim of a crime with a case 6 pending before this court, you are advised that you have the right: (1) 7 To be treated fairly and with respect throughout the criminal justice 8 process; (2) to timely disposition of the case; (3) to be protected from 9 the accused; (4) to be notified of and attend court proceedings; (5) to 10 speak with the prosecutor; (6) to object or support any plea agreement; 11 (7) to make a statement to the court before the court accepts a plea 12 agreement and at sentencing; (8) to restitution; and (9) to information 13 about the arrest, conviction, sentence, imprisonment and release of the 14 accused".

JUD Joint Favorable Subst.